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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Suspension of action fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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John D. Curry, et al. : Confirmation No: 3328  
Serial No: 09/830,250 : Group Art Unit: 3727  
Filed: September 13, 2001 : Examiner: JES F. PASCUA

**FOR: Methods for Laundering Delicate Garments in a Washing Machine**

**REQUEST FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME, REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 2, 2005**

The Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") is responsive to the Office Action dated February 2, 2005. Applicants hereby request a 1-month extension of time to reply. Any fees associated with this should be charged to Deposit Account No.: 16-2480.

The Office Action indicates that this application is in condition for allowance except for formalities related to objections to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a). The Office Action also indicates that the drawings must show every feature of the claims. The Office Action further indicates that the "first and second flaps including "numerous small pores" (Claim 44)" must be shown.

*Amendments to the Drawings* begin on page 2.

*Amendments to the Specification* begin on page 3.

*Remarks* begin on page 5.

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